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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Brief filed on 10/12/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
- ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
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- ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- ☐ Other _____

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Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-7 are allowed.

After consideration of the arguments presented in the Brief of 10/12/07, the Examiner notes that the art of record fails to anticipate or make obvious the limitations of "...assembling the compressed video bitstream by appropriately combining data for: at least a single copy of the stored I frame; at least one null frame; and various headers required for decodability of the compressed video bitstream; whereby decoding of the compressed video bitstream produces frames of video which produce images that do not appear to pulse visually..." as in independent claim 1. Dependent claims 2-7 are allowed for the reasons concerning the independent claim.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andy S. Rao whose telephone number is (571)-272-7337. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8 hours.

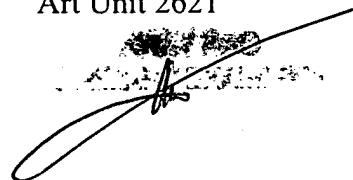
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mehrdad Dastouri can be reached on (571)-272-7418. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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